

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## AMERICAN POW'S AND MIA'S

### HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 1998*

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize American POWs and MIAs. In my home state of Wyoming, there is a deep feeling of respect and gratitude to all the men and women who have defended this country when they were called.

Two thousand eighty-six of these brave Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, including six from the state of Wyoming.

Although faced with the terrors and deprivations of war, they answered their nation's call. They bravely served even when some of their countrymen reviled and unfairly criticized their efforts.

These soldiers are Americans. They did their duty. The least we can do for them and their families is insist on nothing less than a full accounting for every one of them.

I urge President Clinton and my colleagues in the Congress to press Vietnam for unilateral actions to locate and return to our nation remains that would account for hundreds of American POW/MIAs and records to help obtain answers on many more.

I am pleased that patriotism is alive and well in America today. Governor Jim Geringer has issued a proclamation designating September 18, 1998, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the State of Wyoming. These soldiers are not forgotten. Their families are not forgotten. Their priceless contributions to our freedom are not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the text of this proclamation be inserted in the RECORD for every American to read.

#### GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, including 6 from the State of Wyoming, and their families, friends, and fellow veterans still endure uncertainty concerning their fate.

UNITED STATES Government intelligence and other evidence confirm that Vietnam could unilaterally account for hundreds of missing Americans, including many of the 446 missing in Laos and the 75 still unaccounted for in Cambodia, by locating and returning identifiable remains and providing archival records to answer other discrepancies.

THE President has normalized relations with Vietnam, believing such action would generate increased unilateral account for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War, and such increased results have not yet been provided by the Government of Vietnam.

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the State of Wyoming calls on the President to reinvigorate United States efforts to press Vietnam for unilateral actions to locate and return to our nation remains that would account for hundreds of America's POW/MIA's and records to help obtain answers on many more.

FOR THESE SIGNIFICANT REASONS, I, JIM GERINGER, Governor of the States of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim September 18th, 1998, to be "POW/MIA Recognition Day" in Wyoming, and encourage all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 29th day of July, 1998

JIM GERINGER,  
Governor.

## IN HONOR OF ARISTIDES SOSA

### HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 1998*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Aristides Sosa of Miami for the recent honor he received from the University of Nebraska. In his name, the institution created the "Aristides Sosa International Citizenship Award". It will be awarded annually to an individual who has demonstrated vision and dedication to the improvement of human relations.

This distinct recognition was presented to Dr. Sosa for his outstanding contribution to the World Affairs Conference and his extraordinary devotion to global education. For 16 years, Dr. Sosa was the director of International Programs and head of the Department of Languages for the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he established several study abroad programs in Europe and Latin America.

In the 1980's, when civil disturbances rocked South Florida, he initiated a variety of community programs to improve the inter-ethnic relations in Miami while he was the Director of the Metro-Dade County Department of Community Affairs.

After a well-deserved retirement this past year, Dr. Sosa has dedicated his time lecturing all over the United States at national and international conferences to offer his vast knowledge and expertise in the field of international relations. For his commitment to multi-cultural education and public service, I ask my colleagues to join me in distinguishing Dr. Aristides Sosa as the driving force and positive image for recipients of the "Aristides Sosa International Citizenship Award".

## IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARVIN R. SMITH, NATIONAL MINORITY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 1998*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute Mr. Marvin R. Smith, who today will receive the National Minority Advocate of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, almost 16 years ago, President Ronald Reagan designated the first full week of October 1983 as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week. Designated by every President since then, MED Week is an annual national celebration in recognition of the contributions made by minority businesses to the Nation's economy as well as to acknowledge individuals whose efforts have advanced minority business development throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, MED Week is the largest federal advocacy activity sponsored on behalf of minority businesses. It is jointly sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Minority Enterprise Development. Each fall, MED Weeks are held across the country. Observances culminate at a National Conference in Washington, D.C. The week of September 20–26, 1998, was included in this year's presidential proclamation. Each year a theme is chosen by the MED Week Committee to reflect current issues or emphasis. This year's theme is "Creating a Competitive Advantage in a Changing Business environment."

Awards are presented by MBDA and SBA to minority-owned businesses and other individuals chosen from nominations received in the respective regional offices around the country. As nominations are received, they are reviewed and evaluated by panels in the regional offices. Award winners in the various categories from the five regional offices (Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, New York and San Francisco) are presented to MBDA headquarters and evaluated by a review panel at that level for national recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I feel honored to mention that Marvin R. Smith, who works as Manager of the Supplier Management and Business Affirmative Action Office (SM/BAAO) of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) (Livermore, CA) and a resident of the 9th District, has also been selected to receive the award of "National Minority Advocate of the Year." Just days after receiving the "Regional Minority Advocate of the Year Award" in San Francisco on September 10, 1998.

Mr. Smith has served in various managerial positions at LLNL for the past 20 years. The primary objective of the SM/BAAO is to enhance the quality of vendors doing business with LLNL and to simultaneously assist the laboratory in achieving its socioeconomic goals. As a part of this effort the SM/BAAO strives to identify qualified small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses and to assist in enhancing their capabilities so that they become viable competitors with the larger integrated concerns currently providing supplies and service to the Laboratory, as well as to increase the extent to which they receive Laboratory Awards/Contracts, something we commonly know as procurement dollars.

I am proud to say that, during the past three fiscal years (1995, 1996 and 1997) as a result of Mr. Smith's leadership and efforts LLNL has

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